Connections Between David Rockefeller, the Trilateral Commission, William Donovan, Allen Dulles, and the American Committee on United Europe

Including Bilderberg and Le Cercle (Cercle Pinay) Networks

George S. Franklin Jr.: The Central Connector

George S. Franklin Jr. (1914-1996) served as the crucial institutional connector across multiple elite organizations during the Cold War era. His career trajectory reveals the interconnected nature of American foreign policy establishment institutions:

Early Career:
• Assistant to Nelson Rockefeller (1940)
• Early involvement with European integration projects

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR):
• Executive Director (1953-1971)
• 18-year tenure directing one of America's most influential foreign policy organizations

American Committee on United Europe (ACUE):
• Secretary
• Direct link to CIA-funded European integration efforts
• Worked alongside William Donovan and Allen Dulles

Atlantic Council (ACUS):
• First Secretary (1961)
• Helped establish the organization following the Atlantic Convention of NATO nations

Trilateral Commission:
• North American Secretary (1972-1973)
• Coordinator (1973-1977)
• Helped establish David Rockefeller's signature international policy organization

Cold War Activities:
• Traveled to the Soviet Union in the late 1950s during the height of the Cold War
• Investigated Soviet citizens' opinions about their government, the United States, and the possibility of war

Franklin died March 5, 1996, from pneumonia in New York at age 82. His career embodies the institutional continuity of the American foreign policy establishment across multiple decades and organizations.

The Network of Connections

These connections reveal an interconnected network of post-WWII internationalist institutions linking intelligence community veterans, financial elites, and policy organizations. The network operated with the stated goal of promoting Western economic integration and anti-communist objectives during the Cold War.

The American Committee on United Europe (ACUE)

According to Richard J. Aldrich's academic study "OSS, CIA and European Unity: The American Committee on United Europe, 1948-60" published in *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (March 1997), pp. 184-227:

The ACUE was founded in 1948 with **William Joseph Donovan** (former head of the OSS) as chairman and **Allen Welsh Dulles** as vice-chairman. The board also included Walter Bedell Smith, who would later become CIA director. The structure was outlined in early summer 1948 by Donovan and Dulles in response to assistance requests from Richard von Coudenhove-Kalergi, Joseph Retinger, and Winston Churchill.

Declassified American government documents show that by the mid-1950s, ACUE was receiving roughly $1,000,000 per year from the CIA, which it used to fund the European Movement, the European Youth Campaign, the Council of Europe, and the European Coal and Steel Community. The ACUE also received funding from the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations.

George S. Franklin Jr. served as Secretary of the ACUE, establishing a direct institutional link between this CIA-funded operation and the Council on Foreign Relations, Atlantic Council, and later the Trilateral Commission.

David Rockefeller's Intelligence Connections

David Rockefeller maintained extensive and direct connections to the U.S. intelligence community throughout his life, from World War II through the Cold War era. These relationships were not merely social but involved active coordination between his banking operations and U.S. intelligence objectives.

World War II Military Intelligence Service

David Rockefeller's intelligence connections began during World War II. After completing his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago in 1940, Rockefeller enlisted in the United States Army in 1943, entering Officer Candidate School. He was promoted to Captain in 1945.

During World War II, Rockefeller served in **North Africa and France for military intelligence**, where he spoke fluent French. He worked setting up political and economic intelligence units. For a period, he served as an assistant military attaché at the American Embassy in Paris. According to a CIA study published in Studies in Intelligence (Vol. 69, No. 3, September 2025), Rockefeller's experience in Army intelligence during 1942-1945 was "personally and professionally influential" and laid the foundation for his later intelligence connections.

The Dulles Brothers: A Lifelong Connection

Rockefeller's relationship with the intelligence community was cemented through his close friendship with **Allen Welsh Dulles** and his brother **John Foster Dulles**, both of whom he had known since his college years.

Allen Dulles and Rockefeller Center: According to multiple sources including Rockefeller's own

memoirs, it was in **Rockefeller Center that Allen Dulles set up his WWII operational center after Pearl Harbor**. The OSS (Office of Strategic Services) operational headquarters was established just floors above the British Security Coordination (BSC) secret office, where Dulles worked closely with MI6, the British intelligence agency. Donald Chase Downes, an OSS operative, recalled in his autobiography that Allen Dulles's new office was "in Rockefeller Plaza, just a floor over the BSC secret office."

Career Parallels: Allen Dulles came to government service in 1953 as CIA Director straight from working as a Rockefeller family lawyer at Sullivan & Cromwell law firm. His wife, Janet Pomeroy Avery, was a first cousin of John D. Rockefeller Jr., making the family ties even closer. John Foster Dulles, Allen's brother, served as Secretary of State during the Eisenhower administration while simultaneously maintaining his position as a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell.

Direct CIA Operational Briefings

The depth of Rockefeller's intelligence connections went far beyond social relationships. According to Cary Reich's biography of Nelson Rockefeller, **a former CIA agent stated that David Rockefeller was extensively briefed on covert intelligence operations by CIA division chiefs, under the direction of Allen Dulles**, described as David's "friend and confidant."

These were not casual conversations but systematic operational briefings on classified CIA activities. The briefings gave Rockefeller insider knowledge of U.S. covert operations globally, allowing him to align Chase Manhattan Bank's international strategy with U.S. intelligence objectives.

Network of CIA Personnel

Beyond the Dulles brothers, Rockefeller cultivated relationships with numerous other senior intelligence officials:

William Bundy: In 1953, Rockefeller befriended William Bundy, described as "a pivotal CIA analyst" who worked for the Agency for nine years in the 1950s. Bundy later became the CIA's liaison to the National Security Council. According to sources, Bundy remained a "lifelong friend" of Rockefeller.

Richard Helms: Rockefeller "knew and associated with" former CIA Director Richard Helms, maintaining close contact throughout Helms's career.

Archibald Bulloch Roosevelt Jr.: Roosevelt was both a Chase Manhattan Bank employee and a former CIA agent. He monitored events in the Persian Gulf for Chase Manhattan while maintaining his intelligence connections. Roosevelt's role exemplified the revolving door between Chase Manhattan and the CIA.

Kermit Roosevelt Jr.: Archibald's first cousin, CIA agent Kermit Roosevelt Jr., was directly involved in the 1953 Iran coup that overthrew Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh. After the successful CIA operation, Kermit Roosevelt quickly became a vice president of Mellon's Gulf Oil Corporation—another example of CIA operatives moving into oil industry positions.

Chase Manhattan Bank's Role in CIA Operations

The intersection of David Rockefeller's banking empire and CIA operations became particularly evident in three major Cold War interventions: Iran (1953), the Congo (1961), and Chile (1973). In each case, Chase Manhattan Bank's financial interests aligned closely with CIA covert actions.

Iran, 1953: Operation Ajax

In 1951, Iranian Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh decided to nationalize the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The newly established Eisenhower administration moved quickly to intervene.

CIA Director and former Standard Oil lawyer Allen W. Dulles flew to Switzerland to organize the covert overthrow of the Mossadegh regime. The CIA operation successfully threw Mossadegh into prison and restored the Shah to the throne of Iran. Shortly thereafter, **Standard Oil—the foundation of the Rockefellers' family business—began to tap Iranian oil reserves**.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles (Allen's brother) placed a sharp upper limit on participation in the subsequent oil consortium by smaller independent oil companies, ensuring that major companies with Rockefeller ties received the lion's share of Iranian oil rights.

The Congo, 1961: From Lumumba to Mobutu

In 1961, Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba was murdered by his own army and replaced by a soldier named Mobutu, with CIA involvement in the political transition.

In the aftermath of this revolution, David Rockefeller, chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, led an expedition of American businessmen into Mobutu-controlled Congo to explore the "investment climate." The climate proved excellent for Rockefeller interests.

Using Rockefeller financing, multiple major corporations moved in:
• Pan Am acquired the local airline
• AT&T built a subsidiary
• Esso drilled for oil
• Standard of Indiana went into the copper business

The next CIA director, **John McCone, came to the position after working as a Standard Oil attorney**—continuing the pattern of oil industry lawyers moving into senior CIA positions.

Chile, 1973: The Allende Coup

The Chile intervention represents perhaps the most extensively documented case of coordination between David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, and the CIA.

The Crisis: In 1970, the Chilean people democratically elected Marxist Salvador Allende as president. This alarmed both the U.S. government and American corporations with interests in Chile—notably ITT, Pepsi Cola, and Chase Manhattan Bank. Henry Kissinger famously declared: "I don't see why we have to let a country go marxist just because its people are irresponsible."

The Planning: CIA Director Richard Helms, Kissinger, and President Nixon agreed that Chile's democratically elected leader must be stopped. Notes from their meeting read: "Not concerned risks involved. No involvement of embassy. $10,000,000 available, more if necessary. Full-time job—best men we have… Make the economy scream. 48 hours for plan of action."

Rockefeller's Direct Involvement: David Rockefeller repeatedly corresponded with Kissinger before the CIA-backed coup toppled Allende on September 11, 1973—"the first 9/11" as Chileans know it. A declassified memo to Kissinger details his correspondence with the billionaire banker.

Financial Interests: One of Allende's earliest actions was to nationalize mines exploited by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, which owed hundreds of millions of dollars to **Chase Manhattan and other U.S. banks**. On August 10, 1971, Rockefeller wrote a letter to Kissinger noting that John Place, the former vice chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, had recently left to become president and CEO of the Anaconda Company.

The timing and content of Rockefeller-Kissinger correspondence demonstrates direct coordination between Chase Manhattan's financial interests and CIA covert operations.

The Henry Kissinger Connection

Henry Kissinger's relationship with David Rockefeller deserves special attention. Before becoming National Security Adviser and Secretary of State, **Kissinger served as director of the Special Studies Project for the Rockefeller Brothers Fund**. Rockefeller later named Kissinger to the board of trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

The relationship was so close that journalist David Harris described Kissinger as a "longtime Rockefeller family employee." This connection meant that when Kissinger held senior U.S. government positions, he maintained his allegiance to Rockefeller family interests while simultaneously directing U.S. foreign policy and intelligence operations.

Kissinger, Rockefeller, and John J. McCloy were referred to by Joseph V. Reed (Rockefeller's personal assistant at Chase Manhattan) as the "Triumvirate." Like Rockefeller, McCloy passed in and out of the government-corporate-think tank revolving door, had extensive ties to the Rockefellers, and was a belligerent anti-communist who believed in using military violence for containment.

Summary: A Systematic Integration

David Rockefeller's intelligence connections were not incidental but represented a systematic integration of American financial power and intelligence operations. From his World War II service in military intelligence through his chairmanship of Chase Manhattan Bank, Rockefeller:

- Received direct operational briefings from CIA division chiefs
- Maintained close personal relationships with multiple CIA directors
- Employed former CIA agents at Chase Manhattan Bank
- Coordinated with U.S. intelligence on foreign interventions that aligned with Chase's interests
- Facilitated the revolving door between intelligence agencies, law firms, and oil companies

As one former CIA official noted, Rockefeller was "extensively briefed on covert intelligence operations" under the direction of his "friend and confidant" Allen Dulles. This level of access and coordination demonstrates that the boundary between America's financial elite and its intelligence apparatus was, in Rockefeller's case, essentially nonexistent.

The Trilateral Commission

The Trilateral Commission was founded in July 1973 principally by David Rockefeller to foster closer cooperation between Japan, Western Europe, and North America. The organization emerged from Rockefeller's work with the Council on Foreign Relations and Bilderberg meetings.

George S. Franklin Jr. served as its North American secretary and coordinator from 1972 onward, creating another direct institutional link between the CFR, ACUE, Atlantic Council, and this new trilateral organization.

The Trilateral Commission brought together political leaders, business executives, and intellectuals from the three regions to discuss global challenges and coordinate policy approaches. Its membership overlapped significantly with Bilderberg and Le Cercle participants.

The Jeffrey Epstein Network: Infiltrating Elite Institutions

Jeffrey Epstein's membership in the Trilateral Commission and Council on Foreign Relations demonstrates how deeply he penetrated the same elite institutional networks established by David Rockefeller and his associates. Despite having no college degree and a checkered employment history, Epstein managed to secure positions in some of America's most prestigious organizations—the same networks that connected intelligence operatives, financial elites, and policy-makers during the Cold War.

Elite Institutional Memberships

Council on Foreign Relations (1995-2009): According to NBC News and The Washington Post, Epstein was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations from 1995 to 2009—a tenure spanning 15 years. During this period, he donated $350,000 to the organization, all contributed over a 10-year period ending in 2005. He was a member of the CFR's top-level donor category, the Chairman's Circle.

Despite his lengthy membership, Epstein attended only two CFR events: a dinner for big donors in 1998 and a 2002 conversation with Paul O'Neill when he was U.S. Treasury Secretary. CFR President Richard Haass later acknowledged that the organization "never discussed what to do about Epstein's donations after he pleaded guilty to sex crimes in 2008." After Epstein's death, the CFR announced it would direct an equivalent $350,000 to fight human trafficking.

Trilateral Commission: Multiple sources confirm Epstein was a member of the Trilateral Commission, the organization founded by David Rockefeller. He was described as "an enthusiastic member of the Trilateral Commission" in 2002. According to recently released interview footage, Epstein himself described being recruited to the Commission and provided his biography as: "Jeffrey Epstein, comma, just a good kid" — which he found funny, though "nobody else did."

Rockefeller University Board (circa 1989-2000): Epstein was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Rockefeller University around 1989-1991, a position that brought him into greater social prominence. According to SEC documents from the Dechert investigation into Leon Black's relationship with Epstein, "David Rockefeller had appointed Epstein as a director to the Board of Rockefeller University." This appointment was made despite Epstein having no relevant scientific credentials.

The board included prominent names such as Nancy Kissinger (wife of Henry Kissinger), Brooke Astor, Robert Bass, and Nobel laureate Joseph Goldstein. After serving only one term, Epstein resigned from the Rockefeller University board. According to a spokesperson, board members not being renominated after only one term is "infrequent." One board member recalled that Epstein was "arrogant" and "not a good fit."

Other Affiliations: Epstein also held positions with the Institute of International Education, the New York Academy of Sciences, and briefly sat on the Mind, Brain and Behavior Committee at Harvard University.

Overlapping Networks with Power Brokers

The significance of Epstein's institutional memberships lies in the overlapping networks they created with established power brokers:

Lawrence Summers: The Harvard Crimson reported in 2003 that "Epstein is also well acquainted with University President Lawrence H. Summers. The two serve together on the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations, two elite international relations organizations." This dual membership created multiple points of contact between Epstein and Summers, who later faced criticism for his relationship with Epstein while serving as Harvard president. According to documented meetings, Summers met with Epstein at least 12 times.

The Rockefeller Connection: Epstein's appointment to the Rockefeller University board by David Rockefeller himself represents a direct link to the architect of the Trilateral Commission and key figure in the broader elite network documented in this report. In the recent Bannon interview, when asked "How did a schmuck like you get on the board of Rockefeller?" Epstein explained he was recruited because "Rockefeller needs someone with financial expertise."

This explanation echoes the pattern of how Epstein built his network: presenting himself as having specialized financial knowledge that prestigious institutions required, despite his limited formal credentials.

The Network Effect: Access to Global Elites

Epstein's memberships in these organizations provided him with systematic access to global power brokers. According to multiple reports, his network included:

Political Leaders: CIA chief William Burns, Presidents Bill Clinton (26+ documented meetings) and Donald Trump (12+ meetings), UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak (36+ meetings), Norwegian diplomat Terje Rød-Larsen (24+ meetings), and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

Financial Elite: Billionaires Bill Gates (5+ meetings), Leon Black (66+ meetings), Reid Hoffman, Richard Branson, Henry Jarecki, Tom Pritzker, Mortimer Zuckerman (15+ meetings), Glenn Dubin, Leslie Wexner, and Ron Burkle.

Academic Leaders: Harvard President Lawrence Summers (12+ meetings), Bard College President Leon Botstein (24+ meetings), MIT scientists including Marvin Minsky, Martin Nowak, and Seth Lloyd, as well as Nobel Prize winners Gerald Edelman and Murray Gell-Mann.

These connections were not incidental. Epstein leveraged his institutional memberships to cultivate relationships with individuals who could provide him with credibility, protection, and access to even wider networks of influence.

The Pattern: Credentialing Without Credentials

Epstein's rise through these elite institutions reveals a troubling pattern. As Vanity Fair noted, by the mid-2000s Epstein was "a member of various commissions and councils… on the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Institute of International Education" — remarkable achievements for "a college dropout with a checkered employment history."

The institutional gatekeepers of these organizations—founded explicitly to bring together the most accomplished individuals in government, business, and academia—somehow failed to properly vet Epstein or question his qualifications. His memberships continued even after his 2008 conviction for soliciting prostitution from a minor.

The CFR, for instance, never discussed revoking Epstein's membership after his conviction. He wasn't expelled until his death in 2019, when public pressure became too intense to ignore.

What's particularly significant is that Epstein gained access to the exact same network documented in this report: the interconnected web of the Council on Foreign Relations, Trilateral Commission, Rockefeller institutions, and their associated intelligence community connections. His presence in these organizations from the mid-1990s through 2009 meant he was operating within the same circles as the architects and inheritors of the post-WWII internationalist establishment.

Intelligence Community Connections

Epstein's relationship with intelligence agencies has been the subject of considerable speculation. Former Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, who as a U.S. Attorney gave Epstein his controversial 2008 plea deal, reportedly told the Trump transition team: "I was told Epstein 'belonged to intelligence' and to leave it alone."

Epstein's documented connections include:

Israeli Intelligence: Epstein maintained a close relationship with former Israeli Prime Minister and Defense Minister Ehud Barak, exchanging private emails and meeting more than 30 times between 2013 and 2017. Between 2012 and 2014, Epstein assisted Barak in what began as a private business initiative involving internal security-related projects in Ivory Coast. Epstein played an operational role coordinating meetings and connecting Barak with officials, while Barak commissioned former Israeli intelligence officers to produce technical plans for nationwide phone and internet monitoring.

In 2015, Epstein invested in Reporty Homeland Security (later rebranded as Carbyne), a startup headed by Barak which developed advanced emergency communication technologies. Epstein also facilitated Barak's interactions with prominent figures including Peter Thiel, as well as Sergey Belyakov and Viktor Vekselberg, who were connected to Vladimir Putin's circle.

Surveillance Operations: After his first arrest, Epstein developed an interest in the surveillance industry. Department of Justice documents and witness testimony indicate that Epstein used hidden cameras extensively and "lent" girls to powerful figures, potentially for blackmail purposes.

The intersection of Epstein's elite institutional memberships, his intelligence connections, and his criminal activities raises profound questions about institutional oversight and the protection afforded to those embedded in powerful networks.

Summary: The Same Networks, Decades Later

Jeffrey Epstein's penetration of the Trilateral Commission, Council on Foreign Relations, and Rockefeller institutions demonstrates that the same elite networks established by David Rockefeller, Allen Dulles, and their associates in the post-WWII era remained influential—and vulnerable—decades later.

Epstein joined the exact same organizations that George S. Franklin Jr. helped build and lead. He gained access to the same networks that facilitated coordination between financial power and intelligence operations during the Cold War. And he did so despite having none of the credentials, accomplishments, or background that these organizations claimed to require for membership.

His presence in these institutions from the mid-1990s through 2009—continuing even after his 2008 conviction—reveals critical weaknesses in how elite networks police their own membership and raises questions about whether other individuals without proper credentials or with hidden agendas have similarly penetrated these influential organizations.

The Epstein case demonstrates that the networks documented in this report did not dissolve with the end of the Cold War but continue to operate, maintain influence, and—as Epstein's case tragically demonstrates—can be exploited by individuals with criminal intent.

Bilderberg and Le Cercle (Cercle Pinay) Connections

According to David Rockefeller's own memoirs (as quoted on the official Bilderberg Meetings website and in various sources):

Antoine Pinay, former Prime Minister of France, was both a co-founder and member of the Bilderberg Group. Pinay drew inspiration from Bilderberg's workings to create Le Cercle (also known as Cercle Pinay or Groupe Pesenti) at the beginning of the Cold War. However, while Bilderberg operated on a bi-partisan basis, Le Cercle was conceived on a more partisan, conservative basis.

Rockefeller writes in his memoirs: "The Bilderberg Group meetings more or less coincided for a time with my participation in a relatively obscure but potentially even more controversial organisation called the Pesenti Group." Carlo Pesenti, an Italian industrialist, invited Rockefeller to join this "very closed circle." Because Pesenti was a good client of his bank and the group was chaired by Pinay (his colleague in Bilderberg), Rockefeller accepted.

Le Cercle: Structure and Participants

According to academic research by Adrian Hänni published in the *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* ("Détente, the rebirth of anti-communism, and the rise of a transatlateral 'neo-conservative' network: the case of the Cercle," June 24, 2024):

Le Cercle emerged in the 1960s as an informal discussion group organized by French lawyer **Jean Violet**. Among participants were:

• Violet's mentors **Antoine Pinay** (former French Prime Minister) and **Franz Josef Strauß** (German politician)
• **Giulio Andreotti** (Italian Prime Minister)
• **Alfredo Sánchez Bella** (Spanish Minister)
• **Otto von Habsburg** (Austrian heir)
• Industrialist **Carlo Pesenti**
• **David Rockefeller** (first U.S. participant)

As Rockefeller noted in his memoirs: "On rare occasions, when the group met in Washington, **Henry Kissinger**, then President Nixon's National Security Adviser, came to dine with us."

Evidence from the Kissinger Memorandum (December 2, 1970)

The declassified memorandum prepared for Henry Kissinger regarding a Cercle meeting on December 2, 1970 provides unprecedented insight into Le Cercle's activities. This document demonstrates several critical points:

1. Kissinger's Direct Participation: The existence of this detailed record confirms Kissinger's involvement with Le Cercle meetings, as mentioned in Rockefeller's memoirs. The memorandum offers "unprecedented insight into the discussions at Cercle meetings which were never minuted by the Cercle itself."

2. Timing and Political Operations: The meeting occurred on December 2, 1970, just five days before the planned Borghese coup in Italy (aborted at the last minute on December 7, 1970). The document notes the presence of Giulio Andreotti at this meeting, as referenced in *Il Tempo*.

3. Intelligence Focus: The memorandum "demonstrates Kissinger's intense suspicion of Allende since

his investiture as President of Chile the previous month" — notably, the CIA had been tasked with preventing Allende's election since September 1970 (see CIA declassified documents at nsarchive2.gwu.edu).

4. Extreme Secrecy: The meetings were never officially minuted by Le Cercle itself, highlighting the organization's commitment to discretion and confidentiality.

A cable exchange on December 4, 1970 between Kissinger and the American Ambassador in Italy, Graham Martin, discussed the December 2nd dinner and an *Il Tempo* article referring to Andreotti's presence. These cables have been recently released by the CIA.

CIA Funding and Intelligence Connections

According to multiple sources, including statements by British Conservative MP Alan Clark in his diaries, Le Cercle was funded by the CIA. Both Bilderberg and Le Cercle shared membership including:

- **Henry Kissinger**
- **Zbigniew Brzezinski**
- **David Rockefeller**

All three were also influential members of the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations, creating multiple overlapping networks of influence connecting intelligence operations, financial power, and foreign policy establishment institutions.

Summary: An Interconnected Network

The connections between these figures and organizations reveal a highly integrated network of post-WWII internationalist institutions that functioned across multiple levels:

Intelligence Community Veterans:
• William Donovan (OSS founder, ACUE chairman)
• Allen Dulles (CIA director, ACUE vice-chairman, Rockefeller confidant)
• Henry Kissinger (National Security Adviser, Le Cercle participant)

Financial Elites:
• David Rockefeller (banker, Bilderberg member, Le Cercle participant, Trilateral founder)
• Nelson Rockefeller (George Franklin's early employer)
• Carlo Pesenti (Italian industrialist, Le Cercle organizer)

Policy Organizations:
• Council on Foreign Relations (George Franklin: Executive Director 1953-1971)
• Trilateral Commission (George Franklin: Secretary/Coordinator 1972-1977)
• Atlantic Council (George Franklin: First Secretary 1961)
• American Committee on United Europe (George Franklin: Secretary; CIA-funded)

Secretive Elite Forums:
• Bilderberg Group (bi-partisan, Atlantic cooperation)
• Le Cercle/Cercle Pinay (conservative, anti-communist focus)

The Role of George S. Franklin Jr.:
Franklin uniquely connected all these nodes, serving in leadership positions across: the Council on Foreign Relations, American Committee on United Europe, Atlantic Council, and Trilateral Commission. His career from 1940 through 1977 embodied the institutional continuity of the American foreign policy establishment.

These organizations operated with the stated goal of promoting Western economic integration and anti-communist objectives during the Cold War. The declassified Kissinger memorandum and other documents reveal that these connections were not merely social, but involved active coordination on intelligence matters, political operations, and foreign policy strategies.

The network demonstrates how elite institutions, intelligence agencies, and financial power centers collaborated to shape Cold War policy and European integration, with George S. Franklin Jr. serving as a crucial institutional connector who linked these various spheres of influence.

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This report incorporates information from the declassified Kissinger memorandum (Kissinger_memo_02_december_1970_LeCercle.pdf) provided as source material. This document, prepared for Henry Kissinger regarding the December 2, 1970 Le Cercle meeting, offers unprecedented insight into the group's discussions and demonstrates the direct involvement of senior U.S. government officials in these secretive gatherings. The memorandum has been documented in David Teacher's book "Rogue Agents: The Cercle Pinay Complex 1951-1991" and is also available through the CIA Reading Room.